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Sir:

Herewith is the patent application of Applicant(s):  
James M. Thommes

FOR: Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage  
In A Welding Power Source

This new application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/827,440, filed April 6, 2001, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which is continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/200,058, filed November 25, 1998, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which issued on May 29, 2001, as Patent No. 6,239,407, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/779,044, filed January 6, 1997, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which issued on December 14, 1999 as Patent No. 6,002,103, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/342,378 filed November 18, 1994, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which issued on Feb. 11, 1997, as Patent No. 5,601,741.

Including a copy of the prior application as filed,  
consisting of:

Declaration  
1 page Abstract  
24 Pages of Specification and Claims  
4 Sheet(s) of informal drawing

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The undersigned hereby verifies that the foregoing papers are a true copy of what is shown in our records to be the above identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.

**Amendments:**

Please replace the cross-reference to related application section with the following:

This is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/827,440, filed April 6, 2001, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which is continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/200,058, filed November 25, 1998, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which issued on May 29, 2001, as Patent No. 6,239,407, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/779,044, filed January 6, 1997, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which issued on December 14, 1999 as Patent No. 6,002,103, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/342,378 filed November 18, 1994, entitled Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage In A Welding Power Source, which issued on Feb. 11, 1997, as Patent No. 5,601,741.

Please cancel claim(s) 2-24 of the application as filed prior to calculating the filing fee.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

**Assignment**

The prior application was assigned to Illinois Tool Works, Inc.

**Copendency of Prior Application:**

The prior application is presently pending.

**Power of Attorney:**

The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to the undersigned and appears in the original papers in the prior application.

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED  
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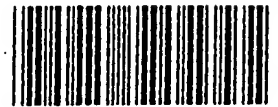
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